**MACBETH**

Three witches tell Macbeth and Banquo that Macbeth will become Thane of Cawdor and King of Scotland. Macbeth learns that he is in fact due to become Thane of Cawdor. Macbeth kills Duncan to ensure that he will indeed become King. Banquo, knowing of the encounter with the witches, knows that Macbeth is to blame. Macbeth hires murderers to kill Banquo and his son but Fleance escapes. Meanwhile Macduff and Malcolm raise an army in England, with the support of the Scottish nobles. The witches tell Macbeth that he is safe from all men born from woman and secure until the Birnam forest comes to his castle. While the army is advancing Macbeth learns that Lady Macbeth has killed herself, distraught with night terrors of blood on her hands. Macbeth also learns that the army is shielded by boughs cut from Birnam Wood. Fearful, Macbeth still musters a valiant defense but the walls are eventually overrun by the invading force. Macduff and Macbeth meet on the battlefield, where Macduff reveals he was “untimely ripped from the womb,” not born of woman. Macduff kills Macbeth and beheads him for all to see.

Characters:

**Macbeth** -  The bad guy

**Lady Macbeth** -  The bad guy’s wife

**The Three Witches** -  Bad witches put ideas in macbeth’s head

**Banquo** -  The good guy who dies

**King Duncan** -  The king who is murdered by Macbeth

**Macduff** -  Good guy who kills macbeth

**Malcolm** -  Rightful Heir to Throne

**Hecate** -  Godess of witchcraft

**Fleance** -  Banquo’s son

**Lennox** -  A Scottish nobleman.

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**Lady Macduff** -  Macduff’s wife. Killed by Macbeth